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RUSSIAN SQUADRON PRACTICALLY ANNIHILATED BY ADMIRAL TOGO

ADMIRAL TOGO REPORTS SUCCESS OF JAPANESE

Thirteen Vessels Sunk, Six Captured—Admiral Nebogatoff and 3,000 Russians Taken Prisoners.

FIVE RUSSIAN WARSHIPS, INCLUDING TWO BATTLESHIPS, FORCED TO SURRENDER—SHANGHAI REPORT SAYS JAPANESE LOSSES WERE HEAVY—ADMIRAL ROJESTVENSKY MAY HAVE PERISHED—INQUIRY INSTITUTED REGARDING SINKING OF AMERICAN STEAMER—JAPANESE HOT AFTER FLEEING VESSELS.

By Associated Press.
Tokio, May 29.—Admiral Togo reports as follows: "The main force of our combined squadron continued pursuit on the 27th, and on the 28th near Hancourt rocks (northeast of Okino shima) attacked a group consisting of the Nikolai I (battleship), Orel (battleship), and the Senavin, Peraxine and Izumrud. The Izumrud fled, while the remaining four vessels were rendered. There was no damage to our ships.

"According to prisoners the vessels sunk in the engagement of the 27th were the Borodino (battleship), Alexander III (battleship), Zemtchug and three other ships. Rear Admiral Nebogatoff and about three thousand Russians were taken prisoners.

Following are the damages suffered by the enemy, in addition to those given above: Sunk Admiral Nachimov, Dimitri Donskoi, Svetlana, Admiral Usakov, Kamchatka, Irutshush and three destroyers. Captured, Vladimir Monomach (foundered after capture), one special service ship, name unknown, and one destroyer.

"The Russian losses definitely known so far may be classified as follows: Sunk, two battleships, one coast defense ship, five cruisers, two special ships and three destroyers. Captured, two battleships, two coast defense ships, one special service ship and one destroyer.

BELIEVE JAPANESE LOSSES WERE HEAVY.

St. Petersburg, May 29.—A telegraph agency has received the following from Shanghai: "News has been received here that seven Japanese ships, two of which were armored, and four Russian ships have been sunk. It is confidently believed here that the Japanese are awaiting the publication of Vice Admiral Rojestyevsky's official dispatches from Vladivostok before admitting the extent of their own losses."

NINETEEN VESSELS SUNK OR CAPTURED.

Tokio, May 29.—The number of Russian vessels of all description sunk and captured by Admiral Togo's fleet stands at nineteen. Possibly three additional warships were sunk in the fight Saturday night and later.

CHARLES H. BLISS ANSWERS HIS DETRACTORS

MAKES CAUSTIC ARRANGEMENT OF MEN WHO WILL SEND 3,000 MILES FOR MUD TO SLING AT HIS CHARACTER—CHALLENGES THEM TO INVESTIGATE HIS LIFE'S RECORD.

Editor Pensacola Journal:
The "mountain" has again "labored and brought forth a mouse." The much advertised "mare's nest" of the Daily News proves to contain stale fruit.
After sending nearly 3,000 miles to Salt Lake City to find some mud to sling at me the contemptible aggregation succeeded in proving I never had more than one wife and that she was divorced, two facts well known in Pensacola for over ten years.
In regard to the charge that I am a Mormon I wish to say it is a malicious falsehood. I am not a Mormon. I do not believe in the Mormon religion. I do not affiliate with the Mormon church. I am not a polygamist. I never was a polygamist at any time. I have never believed in polygamy. I have no sympathy with polygamy or those who practice it, either in Salt Lake City or in Pensacola.
My life for the past ten years has been an open book to the people of Pensacola. It was the same frank, open, honorable existence in all places where I have ever lived. The very fact that no expense was spared to try and dig up something against me in Salt Lake City and the abortive attempt, as shown in yesterday's Daily News, will appeal to the sound sense and sober judgment of every thinking person.
Everyone knows, or ought to know, that the News does not care a pinch of sand about morality. It is simply

INDIAN WAR CLAIM AGAIN

Matter Brought Up in House on Bill to Allow Suit vs. State.

BEARD'S ARGUMENT FOR CLAIMANTS

TOOK POSITION THAT LEGISLATURE CAN DO ANYTHING NOT SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITED BY CONSTITUTION—INDEFINITELY POSTPONED BY ONE VOTE.

Special to The Journal.
Tallahassee, May 29.—In the house this afternoon the Wailes claim was made the occasion of a long debate. The matter came up in the shape of a house bill, so amended by the senate judiciary committee as to permit the claimants to sue the state. The bill was indefinitely postponed by one majority.

The house passed the following bill: To provide for the cancellation of illegitimate tax sale certificates; fixing the time for holding circuit court, in the 6th judicial circuit; compelling railroads to provide weighing scales at certain points; refunding to Hillsborough county \$4,700.91 army rent; authorizing the payment of interest on school warrants; raising the governor's salary to \$5,000; granting General Miller, of Washington county, a pension of \$25 a month; congressional memorial asking a \$5,000 appropriation for Carrabelle harbor.

Another license tax bill was introduced just before adjournment. The senate has passed the bill providing for a commission to select a site for a new insane asylum.

The house passed the bill increasing the salaries of state attorneys to \$2,500 per annum.

Beard's Argument.
John S. Beard appeared before the senate judiciary committee last Friday and asked that the Wailes-Beard claimants be allowed to sue the state for the amount involved.

Mr. Beard took the position that the state can do anything not specifically prohibited by the constitution. If, he declared, we want to find if congress has a right to pass a law or repeal one, we have only to turn to the constitution of the United States, and if authority is not specifically granted in that instance, we may rest assured that congress has no such right.

If, on the other hand, we wish to inform ourselves as to the powers of the Florida legislature, we need only turn to the constitution of the state; and if the authority is not specifically denied in that instance, the legislature has the right to act in that direction.

Mr. Beard contended that the constitutional authority for the legislature to permit suits by general law was no prohibition to a personal law permitting suits by individuals, nor could such a prohibition be found in the constitution of our state.

He also contended that the clause allowing the legislature to pass local or special laws in all except certain enumerated cases, giving 60 days' notice on the locality interested, does not apply. That no notice is necessary, as is shown by the fact that no locality is affected, and by the further fact that personal relief acts are passed at every session, without such notice being given.

Mr. Beard went on to say that in the specification "local" and "special" that "special" is here synonymous with "local," and merely means special legislation, affecting localities.

"If," he declared, "the opponents of this claim are sincere in their contention that the contract is not valid, they will not refuse permission to go into the courts and have that contract adjudicated."

"If I am wrong," concluded Mr. Beard, "as to the constitutional power of the legislature to grant this permission, the courts will hold the law to be unconstitutional, and the suit will be dismissed. This tests the sincerity of those who contend that this contract is not valid, and that nothing is due under it."

The judiciary committee of the senate so amended the house bill on this subject as to cover the point set forth by Mr. Beard in his argument, and the measure was made a special order for 4 o'clock this afternoon.

PESSIMISM IN RUSSIA

On Account of News from Waters of the Far East.

ADMIRALTY PRACTICALLY WITHOUT INFORMATION—FRANCE STUNNED BY MAGNITUDE OF RUSSIAN NAVAL DISASTER. BARON HAYASHI INTERVIEWED BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

By Associated Press.
St. Petersburg, May 29.—The blackest pessimism prevails among the people on account of the news from the waters of the far east. The admiralty has received practically no information other than that furnished by the Associated Press. The admiralty expects to hear officially from the ships that escape and reach Vladivostok by to-morrow.

It is a matter of general comment that the most definite and reliable information received up to the time the official announcement was sent out from Tokyo came by way of Washington. Some of the foreign press dispatches were very confusing, but everything seems to indicate that Togo delivered a series of desperate torpedo attacks during Saturday night to divide his fleet, only a single division passing the straits of Korea, the other going around Japan. The straits of Korea division, however, evidently included the pick of the Russian fleet, the Borodino and Orel being two of the best battleships.

It is possible that Admiral Rojestyevsky transferred his flag from the battleship Kniaz Souvaroff to the Borodino or Orel before the fight in order to prevent the concentration of the fire on his own ship. Captain Seebornikoff of the Borodino and Captain Ignatieff of the Orel are regarded as extremely capable officers.

FRANCE STUNNED BY MAGNITUDE OF DISASTER.

Paris, May 29.—The magnitude of the naval disaster has fairly stunned French public opinion, which had hoped that late advices would show Japan had also suffered some share of the losses. However, dispatches showing that the Japanese fleet escaped practically unscathed by the enemy dispelled the hope entertained that Rojestyevsky, by sacrificing a portion of his fleet, had succeeded in crippling Togo's fleet to such an extent that the Japanese would be placed in a position of inferiority. Therefore the disaster is discussed by officials, the public and the press with pessimism, the prevailing view being that Russia will be compelled to seek some means of terminating the war.

JAPANESE MINISTER GIVES INTERVIEW.

London, May 29.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister in an interview with the Associated Press said today: "We all rejoice at Admiral Togo's victory. We had confidently expected this but not such an overwhelming victory. We consider the victory as the most decisive of modern times; its effect will be far reaching and it will have influence not only in the future of the far east, but also upon Europe. Russia can no longer be reckoned with as a naval power. My opinion is that Togo's victory is on a par with that which Nelson achieved a century ago this year."

At a late hour to-night Baron Hayashi had not received a single telegram from Tokyo regarding the battle, but said that he thought his government was awaiting a thorough round up of the fugitive fleet in the hope of recapturing Rojestyevsky among the captured.

Comment in Vienna.
Vienna, May 29.—Comment in the afternoon papers here to-day was extensively to the effect that Russia was conclusively beaten, and nothing remains but to sue for peace.

SETTLEMENT IS FAR AWAY

Fear of Rioting in Chicago Causes Three Firms to Shut Down.

COMPROMISE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

OFFICIALS OF VARIOUS EXPRESS COMPANIES MET IN NEW YORK AND INTIMATE THAT THEY WILL FIGHT STRIKERS TO THE END.

By Associated Press.
Chicago, May 29.—The strike situation to-day showed slight chance of speedy settlement. Fear of rioting and the apprehension that police protection would be inadequate caused three more lumber firms to shut down to-day.

Will Not Compromise.

New York, May 29.—That the officials of the various express companies concerned in the Chicago teamster's strike will consider no compromise of the dispute with their men was the statement made to-day, following information of a conference of the express companies in the office of United States Senator Thomas C. Platt, president of the United States Express Company, in this city.

SUPREME COURT HAS ADJOURNED

ALL PENDING CASES CONTINUED TO NEXT TERM, WHICH BEGINS OCTOBER 9.

By Associated Press.

Washington, May 29.—The Supreme Court of the United States to-day adjourned for the term, all pending cases being continued to the next term, which begins October 9.

BALL GAMES YESTERDAY

Southern League.

South Atlantic.
Jacksonville 0, Savannah 7; Augusta 6, Columbia 1; Macon 2, Charleston 1.

American League.
Chicago 9, Detroit 1; Cleveland 5, St. Louis 3; Philadelphia 2, New York 1.

National League.
New York 8, Brooklyn 5; Boston 7, Philadelphia 10; Cincinnati 6, Chicago 3; Pittsburgh 3, St. Louis 3.

ATLANTIC WON THE CUP RACE

CROSSED FINISH LINE AT 9:18 LAST NIGHT—AVERAGE SPEED 10 1/2 KNOTS.

By Associated Press.
The Lizard, England, May 29.—By crossing the finish line at 9:18 to-night the American yacht Atlantic won the International yacht race for the German emperor's cup. Captain Barr said the Atlantic had made an average speed of ten and a half knots an hour since leaving Sandy Hook. Another yacht has been sighted eight miles distant, but her name is unknown.

FLOWER OF THE RUSSIAN NAVY SUNK OR CAPTURED

Magnificent Warships Upon Which Czar Placed Entire Dependence for Eventual Victory.

BATTLESHIPS BORODINO AND ALEXANDER III, SUNK BY THE JAPANESE, WERE THOROUGHLY MODERN VESSELS, COMPLETED IN 1904—REPAIR SHIP KAMTCHATKA, ALSO SUNK IN ENGAGEMENT SATURDAY, WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT UNIT IN ROJESTVENSKY'S FLEET—DESCRIPTION OF THE VESSELS.

By Associated Press.
Tokio, May 29.—In the battle fought Saturday in the straits of Korea the Russian battleships Borodino and Alexander III, the armored cruisers Admiral Nakhimoff, Dimitri Donskoi and Vladimir Monomach, the coast defense iron clad Admiral Oushakoff, the protected cruisers Svetlana and Zemtchug, the repair ship Kamchatka and the cruiser Irutshin were sunk.

The battleships Orel and Nicolai I and the coast defense ironclads Admiral Senavin and General Admiral Ushakov were captured.

The Borodino was a first-class battleship, completed in 1904, of 13,516 tons displacement and sixteen thousand horse power, giving her a speed of about 18 knots. She had an armored belt of from four to nine inches of Krupp steel, and from six to ten inches of armor over her gun positions and bulkheads. Her armament consisted of four 12-inch guns, twelve 6-inch guns and over forty smaller rapid fire guns. Her crew numbered 740 officers and men.

The Alexander III was a sister ship of the Borodino and was also completed in 1904.

The Admiral Nakhimoff was an armored cruiser of 8,524 tons displacement and 9,000 indicated horse power, giving her a speed of 16 knots. She had eight inches of compound armor over her gun positions, carried eight 8-inch guns, ten 6-inch guns and about twenty smaller rapid fire guns. She had a complement of about 657 officers and men.

The Dimitri Donskoi was an armored cruiser of 6,200 tons sheathed, of 7,000 indicated horse power and having a speed of about 16 knots. She had an armored belt six inches thick and had ten inches of armor over her bulkheads and heavy gun positions. Her armament consisted of six 6-inch guns, ten 4.7-inch guns and 16 quick firing guns. Her crew numbered 510 officers and men.

The Vladimir Monomach was a sheathed cruiser of 5,593 tons and 7,000 indicated horse power. She was completed in 1885, had a belt of compound armor six to ten inches thick, a protected deck of two inches of steel and carried five 8-inch guns, twelve 6-inch guns and 18 quick firing guns. Her crew consisted of 550 officers and men.

The Admiral Oushakoff, a coast defense ironclad, was of 4,549 tons displacement and 5,000 indicated horse power. She was completed in 1895, had an armor ten inches thick, a protected deck 2 1/2 inches thick and has 6 to 10 inches of armor (compound) over her position. Her armament consists of two 12-inch guns, four 9-inch guns, eight 6-inch guns and twelve quick firing guns in addition to a number of small rapid fire guns. Her complement is 694 officers and men.

The coast defense ironclad Admiral Senavin is a sister ship of the Admiral Oushakoff.

Two Killed in Shooting Affray at High Springs

By Associated Press.
Gainesville, Fla., May 29.—After being badly beaten Will Clark shot and instantly killed I. M. Mizell and Pete Raddack near High Springs late Sunday.

It is said Clark was engaged to a niece of Mizell, much against Mizell's will, and that opposition to this part to the union caused the tragedy.

Both men were shot through the heart.

Raddack was Mizell's stepson. Clark surrendered to the sheriff. All are prominent.

KILLED TWO AND INJURED THREE

CHATTANOOGA MAN MURDERS TWO SISTERS AND WOUNDS MOTHER, BROTHER-IN-LAW AND ANOTHER WOMAN.

By Associated Press.
Chattanooga, Tenn., May 29.—A man by the name of Neighbors killed his two sisters, wounded his mother and brother-in-law and another woman here to-night. He has been arrested.

Some would like this thing to be done. I therefore write to ask you to make it public.

I am authorized by the Reunion Committee to say that ample provision will be made for all Confederates who prefer to ride in conveyances rather than walk in the line of march.

Yours truly,
BENNETT H. YOUNG,
Kentucky Division,
Chairman Com. Music, Parade and Review.

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